

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## S.1 INTRODUCTION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), in its California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application (A.03-12-039), seeks a Permit to Construct (PTC) approximately 2.5 miles of underground 115 kilo-volt (kV) single circuit cable between the Potrero and Hunters Point switchyards. The intent of the project is to increase reliability of the electric transmission system service the San Francisco Bay area. If PG&E's application is approved by the CPUC, PG&E proposes to begin construction activities in 2005. This Initial Study considers environmental impacts from the potential development and operation of the cable line and associated project components as proposed by PG&E, as well as potential impacts from other alternatives for the project. The analysis of this Initial Study concludes that the environmental impacts associated with PG&E's proposed project can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study Checklist was used as the format for describing potential impacts of the proposed project and the analysis is intended to satisfy the requirements to determine what type of environmental document is needed for this project.

The CPUC is publishing this Initial Study to advise the public of the project and to allow an opportunity for public comment for approximately 10 days, or until September 10, 2004. At this time, it is anticipated that a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be published in September, followed by a 30-day comment period before the Mitigated Negative Declaration is finalized. Information regarding Initial Study availability and process for submitting comments is as follows:

How to Get a Copy of the Draft Initial Study	How to Submit Comments *
Review online or download from the website: <a href="http://www.potreroHPcable.com">www.potreroHPcable.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:potreroHPcable@esassoc.com">potreroHPcable@esassoc.com</a>
Review at the following library branches:	Phone: (415) 962-8467
Bayview Branch Library (Anna E. Waden) 5075 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street (at Revere) (415) 355-5757	Mail: Potrero to Hunters Point Cable c/o ESA 225 Bush Street, Suite 1700 San Francisco, CA 94104
Potrero Branch Library 1616 20th Street (415) 355-2822	Fax: (415) 896-0332

## S.2 DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The Initial Study is organized as follows:

- This Executive Summary introduces the project, describes the method for reviewing and submittal of comments, and describes the organization of the document.
- The Project Description (Chapter 1) provides objectives and components of the proposed project, summarizes the alternatives, and provides details of proposed construction activities.
- The Impacts discussion (Chapter 2) includes all required CEQA checklist items and a discussion of the impacts and their significance for the proposed project and alternatives.
- The Comparison of Impacts (Chapter 3) compares the level of impacts for the proposed project and alternatives and their level of significance.
- The Summary of Preparers (Chapter 4) summarizes the names and affiliation of persons involved with development of the Initial Study. This Chapter also provides a list of agencies, organization, or individuals, who were notified of the proposed project.

## S.3 PROJECT SPECIFICS

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| <b>1. Project Title:</b>                      | PG&E Potrero to Hunter's Point 115 kV Cable  |
| <b>2. Lead Agency Name and Address:</b>       | California Public Utilities Commission<br>505 Van Ness Avenue<br>San Francisco, California 94102 |
| <b>3. Contact Person and Phone Number:</b>    | John Boccio, Project Manager<br>(415) 703-2641<br>(415) 703-2200 (fax)                           |
| <b>4. Project Location:</b>                   | San Francisco, California  |
| <b>5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:</b> | Pacific Gas and Electric<br>P.O Box 7442<br>San Francisco, California 94120                      |
| <b>6. General Plan Designation:</b>           | Mixed Use, Predominantly<br>Commercial/Industrial  |
| <b>7. Zoning:</b>                             | M-2 (Heavy Industrial)   |
| <b>8. Description of Project:</b>             | See PROJECT DESCRIPTION  |

## **S.4 SIGNATURE OF DESIGNATED CPUC REPRESENTATIVE**

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Paul Clanon, Director                      Date  
Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission